

# Committee on Government Reform



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### **Government Reform Committee to Review Government Performance and Results Act**

*Former Maj. Leader Armeý to testify on need to shift from process to results*

**What: Hearing on "What Happened to GPRA? A Retrospective Look at Government Performance and Results"**

**When: Thursday, September 18, 2003 (Immediately following the 10:00 a.m. business meeting)**

**Where: Room 2154, Rayburn House Office Building**

#### **Background:**

This hearing will assess the overall effectiveness of the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 in shifting the focus of government from process to results. In addition, the hearing will provide Members an opportunity to discuss legislative options for improving the Results Act and integrating performance information more closely into the budget process.

The Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), signed into law a decade ago (P.L. 103-62), added a new factor to the budgeting process – **performance**. GPRA was intended to shift the focus of Federal decision-making to performance results. GPRA directs agencies to develop long term goals and strategic plans; to set specific annual performance goals; and to report annually on whether they achieved those goals. To ease its implementation, Congress phased GPRA in over seven years and tested the law through the use of pilot projects. Beginning in 1997, agencies sent to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) their long-range strategic plans, which are updated every three years. Starting with the fiscal year 1999 budget, agencies began to transmit their annual performance plans and performance goals. Finally in 2000,

agencies submitted their first performance reports that compared their actual performance to the goals set in their performance plans.

**Thus far, however, GPRA has had little impact on budget decisions, and its critics deem it to be little more than a paperwork exercise.** The General Accounting Office (GAO) has consistently pointed out that many agencies' performance plans lack realistic or measurable goals and provide little information on which budget decisions can be made.

This hearing will analyze whether GPRA has met expectations in the ten years since it was passed and will give Members an opportunity to discuss possible legislative steps necessary to improve the underlying Results Act legislation.

### **Witnesses**

**The Honorable Richard K. Armey**, Former House Majority Leader (R-TX)

**The Honorable Clay Johnson III**, Deputy Director for Management, Office of Management and Budget

**The Honorable David Walker**, Comptroller General, General Accounting Office

**The Honorable Elizabeth M. Duke**, Administrator, Health Resources and Services Administration, Department of Health and Human Services (*invited*)

**Ms. Patricia McGinnis**, President and CEO, the Council for Excellence in Government

### **Prior to the hearing, the committee will consider the following bills:**

- House Concurrent Resolution 106, recognizing and honoring America's Jewish community on the occasion of its 350th anniversary
- House Concurrent Resolution 270, supporting the goals and ideals of College Savings Month
- House Resolution 357, honoring the life and legacy of Bob Hope
- H.R. 2075, designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1905 West Blue Heron Boulevard in West Palm Beach, Florida, as the "Judge Edward Rodgers Post Office Building."
- H.R. 2533, designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10701 Abercorn Street in Savannah, Georgia, as the "J.C. Lewis, Jr. Post Office Building."
- H.R. 3068, designates the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2055 Siesta Drive in Sarasota, Florida, as the "Brigadier General (AUS-Ret.) John H. McLain Post Office."

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